

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings June 3, 1943

Room 1000,  
Olds Tower Building,  
Lansing, Michigan.

2:00 P. M. Supported by Commissioner Wilcox.

Carried.

The first meeting of the newly appointed Traffic Commission was called to order by Acting Mayor Crego.

Commissioner Hardy gave the following summary of the activities of the Traffic Commission since its original organization:

### ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Crego, Ecker, Hardy, Pletcher, Wilcox.—5.

Absent—Commissioners Beck and Parr.—2.

Motion by Commissioner Ecker that Commissioner Hardy be made Chairman of the Lansing Traffic Commission. Supported by Commissioner Wilcox.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hardy that Sidney Anger act as temporary secretary of the Traffic Commission.

Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Pletcher that Sidney Anger be made permanent Secretary of the Traffic Commission and also be appointed Traffic Director. Supported by Commissioner Ecker.

Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Crego that Commissioner Ecker be made Vice-Chairman of the Traffic Commission.

Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Pletcher that monthly meetings of the Traffic Commission be held the first Friday of each month at

In 1931 the Council passed what was then known as a model traffic ordinance and amongst other things it set up a new traffic commission of five (5) members which was reduced to four (4) members and now has increased to seven (7) members. Having been a member of this Commission continuously I am reciting some of the accomplishments during the past twelve years.

(1) Old street car streets were through streets. These were eliminated and a limited number of through streets running east and west, also north and south, were established which have been added to since.

(2) Old overhead lights have been eliminated and corner pedestal lights have replaced them in the downtown section.

(3) Stop and Go lights have been added, especially on through streets, for the purpose of controlling speed and breaking continuous traffic, to allow traffic to cross such streets.

(4) Installed new light controls.

(5) Have replaced old signs with new ones and added a large number each year. Signs have been kept painted and in good condition.

(6) Eliminated a large number of flasher lights from various parts of the city.

(7) Have kept the streets and curbs painted whenever the season permitted.

(8) Eliminated left turn from Washington Avenue at a few necessary intersections.

(9) Have synchronized the lights on all through streets and in the downtown sec-

tion so far as is possible with short and long blocks.

(10) Have about completed a long established plan to place lights on Grand, Washington and Capitol Avenues and their down-town intersections.

The aim of the commission has been to recommend improvement whenever the necessity has arisen for the better movement of traffic or for safety. On the other hand, we have endeavored to keep from establishing an over abundance of lights, through or stop streets or flasher lights with the idea that motorists should be responsible for their own and other safety upon the vast number of streets and vast number of intersections where no safety devices are employed.

The commission has given attention to every authentic suggestion or complaint of the public and after careful consideration has made a recommendation in favor of or against according to the results of their study.

They have assisted in solving the parking problems at the factories and other locations caused by the war conditions.

Through the cooperative efforts of the Commission, the City Council, the Police Department, the Court and the Public through the Lansing Safety Council, we believe a good job has been accomplished and we turn over the Traffic Commission affairs to the New Commission with much satisfaction accordingly.

During the past six years the Commission

Has collected \$110,341.00.

Has handled 154,351 tickets.

Has purchased 2,780 signs.

Has painted and repaired 3,000 signs.

Has painted 150 miles of pavement and curbs.

Operated the information booth for four years.

H. H. HARDY,  
Chairman.

Moved by Commissioner Crego and supported by Commissioner Pletched that the report be received and placed on file.

Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Crego that a resolution be sent to Lieutenant Charles Barber, who is now in the Army, in appreciation of his services as a member of the former Traffic Commission.

The Chairman appointed Commissioners Crego and Ecker as a committee to draft a suitable resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Wilcox that the Traffic Director make a study of changes in traffic control at Washington Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue and report back to the Traffic Commission.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ecker, supported by Commissioner Hardy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

SIDNEY ANGER,

Secretary.



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## Proceedings July 2, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,  
Room 1000 Olds Tower,  
2:00 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Beck, Crego,  
Ecker, Hardy, Parr, Pletcher and Wilcox.  
Absent—None.

Present—Chief of Police John O'Brien,

Municipal Judge Louis Coash and Harold  
Lillie, Director of the Lansing Safety  
Council.

The minutes of the previous meeting  
were approved as printed.

Mr. Lillie explained to the Commission  
the proposed plan for an extensive educa-  
tional and enforcement program for the  
Pedestrian Ordinance. The Commission  
went on record as favoring an extensive  
pedestrian educational campaign, followed  
by a sensible enforcement program. Chief  
O'Brien suggested that appropriate signs  
be installed in the downtown area inform-  
ing people of our pedestrian ordinance.

It was moved and supported that the  
request of the Crescent Coal Company for  
permission to park their customers' cars in  
front of their office on the Shiawassee  
Street Bridge be denied.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the  
Commission concur in the recommendation  
made by the Traffic Director on the resolu-  
tion of Alderman Hungerford that parking  
be restricted on Teel Avenue and Violet  
Court as follows:

1. Prohibit all parking on both sides of  
Violet Court.

2. Prohibit all parking on the east  
side of Teel Avenue from Norman  
Avenue to Rockford Road.

3. Prohibit all parking on the west  
side of Teel Avenue from Mount Hope  
Avenue to Violet Court.

4. Restrict parking to ONE HOUR on  
the west side of Teel Avenue from  
Norman Street to Mount Hope Ave-  
nue and from Violet Court to Rock-  
ford Road.

5. Prohibit all parking on the west side  
of Washington Avenue from Bank  
Street to Mount Hope Avenue.

6. Restrict parking to ONE HOUR on  
the east side of Washington Avenue  
from Bank Street to Mount Hope  
Avenue.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the  
Commission concur in the recommendation  
of the Traffic Director that STOP signs be  
removed from Turner Street at the inter-  
section with North Street, thereby making  
this intersection a two-way stop instead of  
a four-way stop intersection.

Carried.

It was recommended by Commissioner  
Pletcher that the Traffic Director paint  
crosswalk lines in front of the entrance  
to the Reo plant in the 1400 block of  
South Washington Avenue. Mr. Anger  
was instructed to proceed with this work.

The Commission adjourned.

SIDNEY ANGER,

Secretary.



John Bean Mfg. Co. ....	3.43
W. F. Bohnet Elec. Co. ....	.75

**PUBLIC SERVICE—Service Dept.**

Service Pay Roll .....	364.02
Dean & Harris of Lansing .....	95.97
England-Cook Company .....	70.38
Reo Motors Inc. ....	70.07
Rhynard's Service .....	62.97
General Distributing Corp. ....	40.36
Capitol Automotive Supply .....	10.13
Safety Service Clinic .....	6.00
Paul Automotive Parts Co. ....	5.64
Air Reduction Sales Co. ....	3.17
Wolverine Chevrolet Company .....	3.14
The Rikerd Lumber Co. ....	2.59
Morrill Bros. ....	1.49

**TRAFFIC**

Bd. of Water & Elec. ....	
Light Commrs. ....	134.21
Lyle Signs, Inc. ....	70.96
Schermerhorn Paint Products .....	31.18
Bd. of Water & Elec. ....	
Light Commrs. ....	20.17
The Dairy Equipment Co. ....	3.25
Bd. of Water & Elec. ....	
Light Commrs. ....	1.84
Standard Oil Co. ....	1.74
Franklin DeKleine Co. ....	.67

**TREASURER**

Extra Help Pay Roll .....	112.20
Francis Printing Co. ....	354.00
Franklin DeKleine Co. ....	.67

By Ald. Dell—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the foregoing claims be allowed and the City Clerk be and she is hereby directed to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amount allowed each claimant respectively.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—14.

Nays—None.

Council adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,  
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,  
August 9, 1943.

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## Proceedings August 9, 1943

August 9, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,  
Room 1000 Olds Tower,  
2:00 P. M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Beck, Crego, Ecker and Hardy—4.

Absent: Commissioners Parr, Pletcher and Wilcox—3.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

The Traffic Director reported on suggested signs to be placed in the down-town requesting that pedestrians observe the

city ordinance which requires them to cross the street on the green light. After some discussion it was recommended that a smaller sign similar to the one now in place at the intersection of Michigan and Washington Avenues reading, "WALK WITH LIGHT," should be used and the Traffic Director was authorized to proceed with the installation of this type sign.

It was moved and supported that the resolution prepared by Commissioners Ecker and Crego expressing appreciation of the services of former Commissioner Charles F. Barber be forwarded to him.

The Commission recommended that the request of Francis J. Labyak for a special parking space at the side of the Bauch Building be denied.



The Commission reviewed a petition signed by residents of Olds Avenue, West of Logan Street, requesting relief from cars parked all day on the street. It was moved and supported that a ONE HOUR parking limit be placed on Olds Avenue from Logan Street, West to Birch Street.

The Traffic Director submitted a recommendation to remove three parking spaces on the South side of Ottawa Street at the dead end of Seymour Avenue to provide a safer loading and unloading zone for bus passengers. It was moved and supported that the recommendation lay on the table until the next Commission meeting.

The Commission adjourned.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
Secretary.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION

August 5, 1943

City Assessor's Office

City Hall,

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the City Plan Commission was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by the Chairman, Commissioner Victor G. Leyrer.

The proceedings of the regular meeting of July 1st were read and approved.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Eckert, Leadley, Leyrer, Ludwig, Mills, Stoppel and Wood.

Absent: Commissioners Crego and Oswald; Aldermen Earl W. Collier and Hubert M. Eddy, Council Committee.

#### ZONING

Commissioner Ludwig, Chairman of the Committee on Zoning and Land Use, reported that members of his committee had investigated the petition for the rezoning of the property situated at 721 N. Chestnut Street from "C" Two-Family to "D" Apartment District, and he felt that this petition should be denied.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig, supported by Commissioner Mills, that the request for the rezoning of the property situated at 721 N. Chestnut Street, from "C" Two-Family District to "D" Apartment

ment District be denied. Motion carried—7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

#### GENERAL ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig, supported by Commissioner Wood, that the secretary be instructed to send a letter to each of the licensed Real Estate Brokers in Ingham County calling their attention to the Zoning Ordinance and suggesting that each of them procure a copy of the Ordinance along with a copy of the zoning map for the benefit of their clients and themselves. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eckert, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings, reported that the Ehinger Realty Company had submitted a new proposed plat, which is being checked by the City Engineer, for an arrangement for the proposed extension of South Pennsylvania Avenue.

Motion by Commissioner Eckert, supported by Commissioner Wood, that the proposed plan, dated July 15, 1943, of the Ehinger Realty Company Plat, lying between South Cedar Street and the New York Central Railway from Lincoln Street to a point 115 feet south of Denver Avenue, be approved with the proviso that suitable arrangements be made for the proposed grade separation on South Pennsylvania Avenue extended and that owners of the property agree to the proposed grade separation without claims for damages. Motion carried, 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mr. Vernon L. Brown, Auditor General, a member of the State Planning Commission and a member of the State Administrative Board, met with the Commission and outlined various angles regarding cooperation between the State of Michigan and the City of Lansing, relative to the housing of State offices in Lansing and also the Capitol Development Area.

Motion by Commissioner Eckert, supported by Commissioner Wood, that the Chairman appoint a committee to confer with Mayor Crego, relative to the reviving of interest in the Capitol Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Eckert, supported by Commissioner Mills, that the Commission approve the pay voucher in the amount of \$35.00 for the secretary covering the period from May 1st, 1943 to August 1st, 1943. Motion carried, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Board Adjourned 10:15 P. M.

EVANS E. BOUCHER,  
Secretary.



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## Proceedings Sept. 8, 1943

September 8, 1943.

Lansing, Michigan,  
Room 1000, Olds Tower,  
2:00 P. M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Ecker, Hardy,  
Parr and Wilcox.—4.

Absent—Commissioners Beck, Crego and  
Pletcher.—3.

The minutes of the previous meeting  
were approved as printed.

The Traffic Director reported on the  
proposed Bus Stop at the southwest corner  
of Ottawa and Seymour Streets and the  
Commission approved of the recommenda-  
tion to remove two parking spaces on the  
south side of Ottawa Street at Seymour  
Street to provide facilities for the bus  
to pull up to the curb to discharge  
passengers.

The Traffic Director submitted two  
Council resolutions which asked for one  
hour parking restrictions on sections of  
Edward Street and West Barnes Avenue.  
The Director pointed out that in his  
opinion these restrictions were not war-  
ranted and the Commission recommended  
to the Council that the requests be denied.

It was moved and supported that the  
Traffic Signal at the intersection of Kala-  
mazoo and Shepard Streets operate as  
pre-timed from 6 A. M. to 10 P. M. and  
the balance of the day including Sundays,  
it would operate as a flasher.

It was moved and supported the Com-  
mission recommend to the Council the  
adoption of the Traffic Director's recom-

mendation that STOP signs be erected on  
Townsend Street at the approaches to  
Washtenaw Street.

It was moved by Commissioner Parr that  
a letter be written to Chief O'Brien calling  
his attention to the excessive speed of  
vehicles moving westbound on Kalamazoo  
Street between Capitol Avenue and Pine  
Street. It was suggested that the letter  
be sent to the Chief by the Chairman.

Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Wilcox  
that the Traffic Director make a study  
of traffic conditions on Magnolia Street at  
Saginaw Street with the possibility of  
discontinuing the traffic signal at this  
corner or converting it into a flasher.  
The Director was requested to report on  
his findings at the next Commission  
meeting.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the  
Commission recommend to the Council  
that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to  
prohibit the operation of heavy trucks  
over that portion of Capitol Avenue be-  
tween Main and Saginaw Streets.

Carried.

The Director was requested to check on  
signs creating a traffic hazard at the  
intersection of Sycamore and Main Streets,  
also at the Lansing Farm Products Com-  
pany on South Cedar Street.

Meeting adjourned.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
Traffic Commission Secretary.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Oct. 1, 1943

October 1, 1943.

Lansing, Michigan,  
Room 1000, Olds Tower,  
2:00 P. M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Crego, Ecker, Parr,  
Pletcher, Wilcox.—5.  
Absent—Coms. Beck and Hardy.—2.

In the absence of Chairman Hardy, Mr.  
Ecker acted as Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
approved as printed.

The Traffic Director submitted a report  
on the traffic signal at Saginaw and Magnolia  
Streets, and it was further recommended  
that a white centerline be placed on  
Magnolia Street, both sides of Saginaw,  
to guide traffic at this intersection.

Commissioner Pletcher reported on speed  
conditions on West Kalamazoo Street as  
had been requested at last month's meeting  
by Commissioner Parr. Commissioner  
Pletcher also gave a report of the manner  
in which the enforcement program of the  
Accident Prevention Bureau is handled.

It was requested by Commissioner Crego  
that the Traffic Director prepare for next  
month's meeting a map showing the type  
and location of traffic accidents which have  
occurred so far in 1943 on South Cedar  
Street between Kalamazoo Street and Mt.  
Hope Avenue.

It was moved and supported that the  
Traffic Commission would concur in any

action taken by the Street Committee of  
the City Council on the request of the  
Motor Wheel Corporation to close off a  
portion of May Street between the east  
and west boundaries of the Motor Wheel  
property on that street.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the  
Traffic Commission recommend that the re-  
quest of the Labor Mediation Board for a  
"Customer's Parking Space" in front of  
their building at 226 South Walnut Street  
be denied.

Carried.

the enforcement program of the Accident

It was moved and supported that the  
Traffic Director re-erect the Stop signs on  
Pacific Avenue at the intersection of Lyons  
Avenue.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that re-  
quest to reconsider the establishing of a  
ONE HOUR parking restriction on Edward  
Street and West Barnes Avenue be received  
and placed on file with no action taken.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 P. M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
Traffic Commission Secretary.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Dec. 6, 1943

December 6, 1943.

Lansing, Michigan

Room 1000, Olds Tower  
1:00 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardy.

Present—Commissioners Ecker, Graham, Hardy, Parr, Pletcher and Wilcox.—6.

Absent—Commissioner Beck.—1.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Traffic Director submitted a report of his findings on traffic conditions at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Main Street. It was suggested by Commissioner Graham that the traffic signals on Washington Avenue at Elm Street and Main Street be synchronized better than at the present time.

The Traffic Director submitted his recommendations for three proposed changes in

the Traffic Ordinance having to do with (1) the creating of the position of Traffic Engineer; (2) A change in the method of appointing members of the Traffic Commission; (3) The granting of special powers to the Traffic Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Graham and supported by Commissioner Ecker that no action be taken on these recommendations until the January meeting and also that the Traffic Director consult the City Attorney regarding the matter of special powers for the Traffic Commission.

Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hardy that the matter of adjusting the working hours for the employees of the Traffic Bureau be left to the discretion of the Traffic Director.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
Traffic Commission Secretary.